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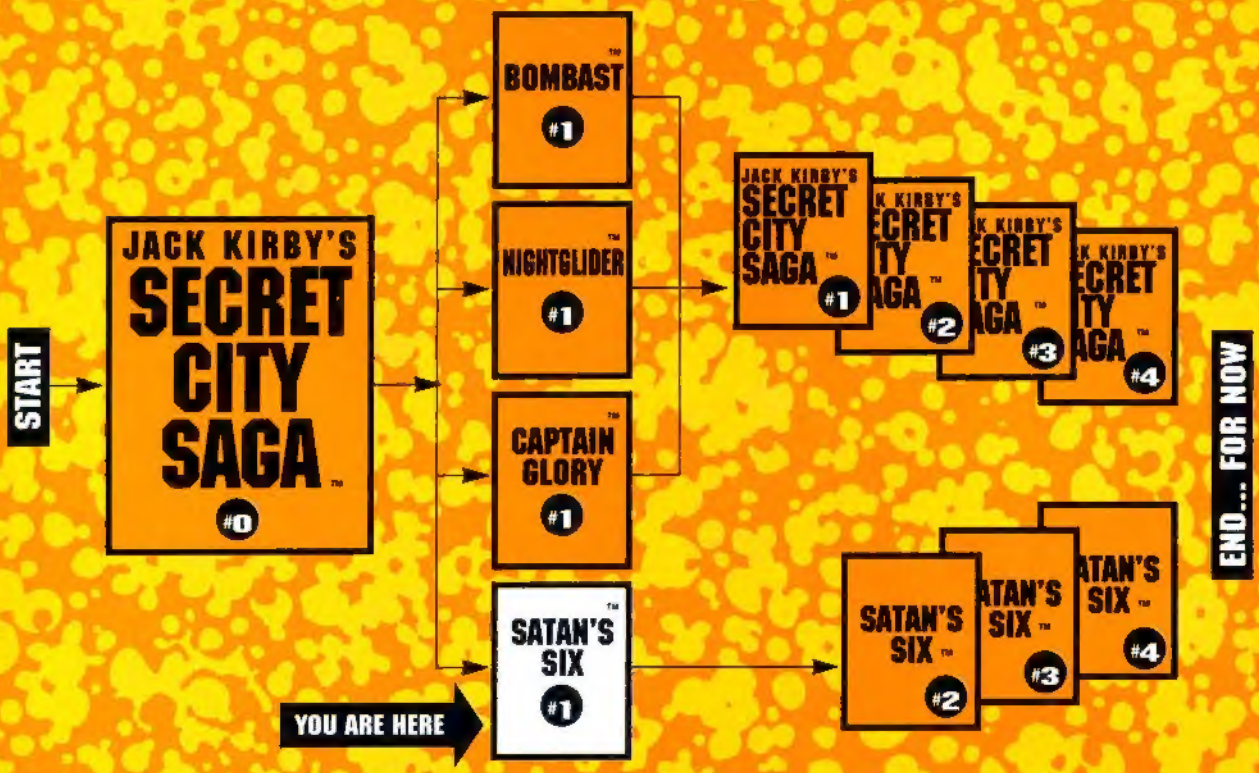

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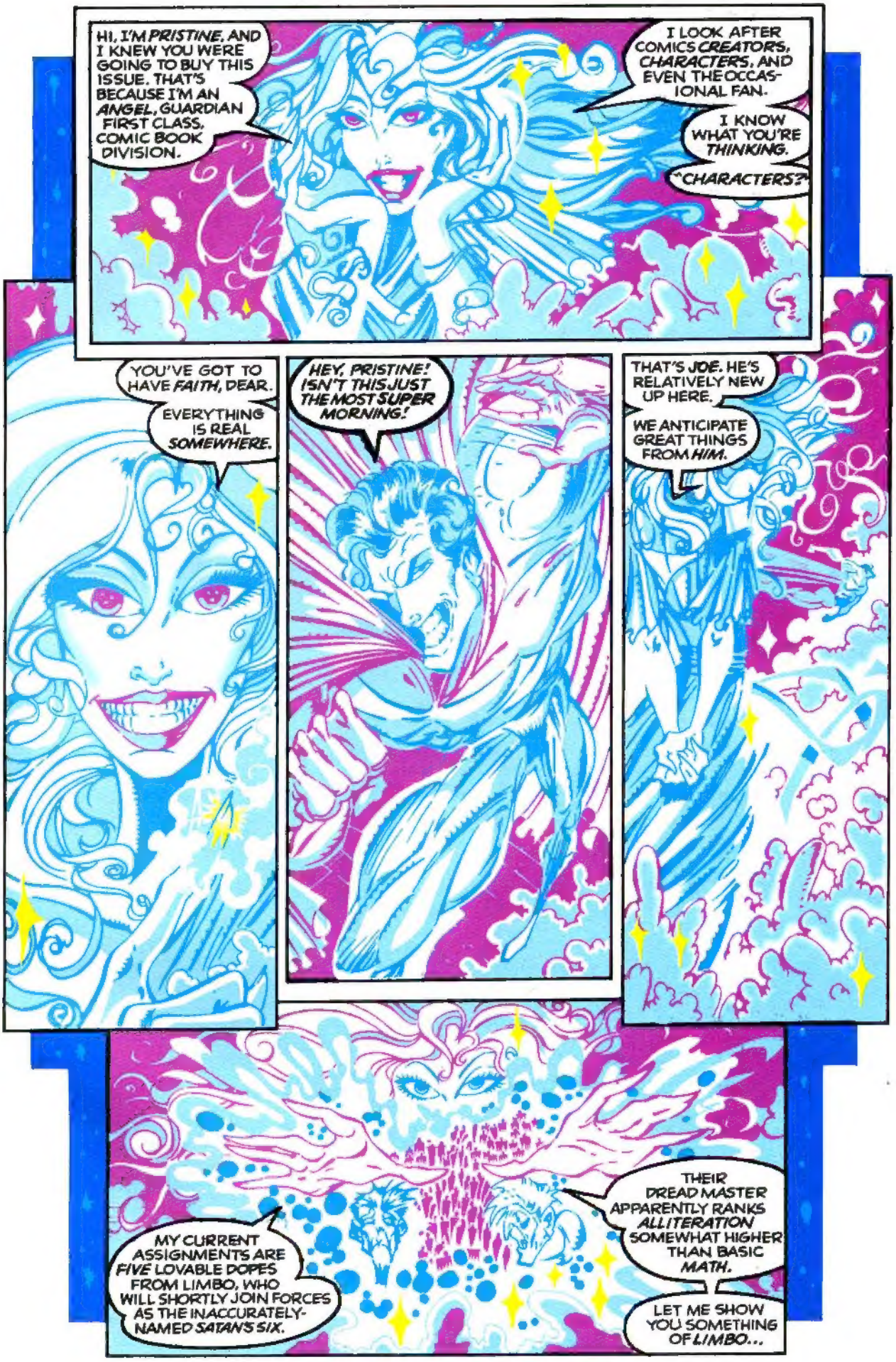
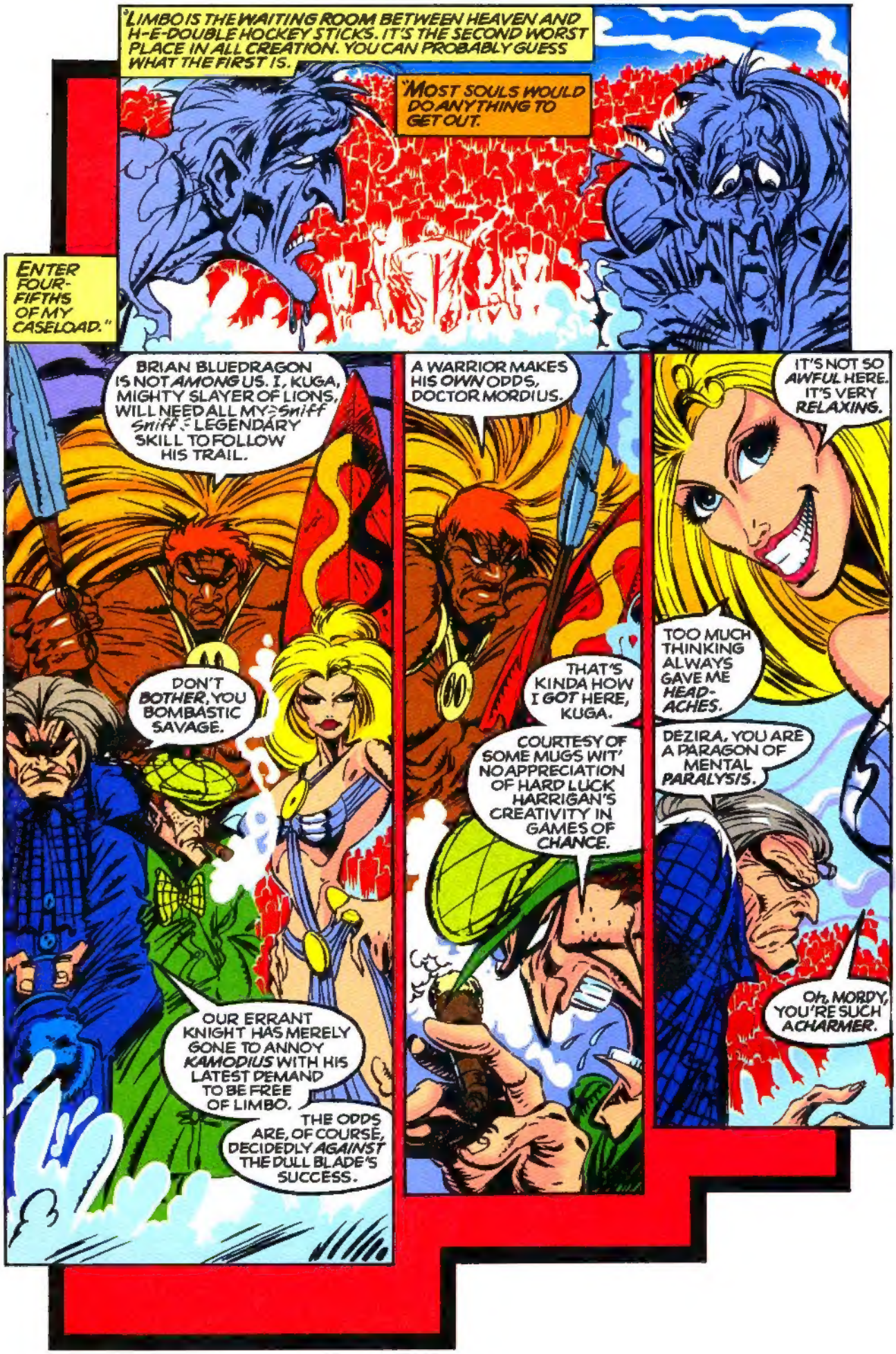

HI, I'M PRISTINE, AND I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO BUY THIS ISSUE. THAT'S BECAUSE I'M AN ANGEL, GUARDIAN FIRST CLASS, COMIC BOOK DIVISION.
I LOOK AFTER COMICS CREATORS, CHARACTERS, AND EVEN THE OCCASIONAL FAN.
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
"CHARACTERS?"
YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE FAITH, DEAR.
EVERYTHING IS REAL SOMEWHERE.
HEY, PRISTINE! ISN'T THIS JUST THE MOST SUPER MORNING!
THAT'S JOE. HE'S RELATIVELY NEW UP HERE.
WE ANTICIPATE GREAT THINGS FROM HIM.
MY CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS ARE FIVE LOVABLE DOPES FROM LIMBO, WHO WILL SHORTLY JOIN FORCES AS THE INACCURATELY-NAMED SATAN'S SIX.
THEIR DREAD MASTER APPARENTLY RANKS ALLITERATION SOMEWHAT HIGHER THAN BASIC MATH.
LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING OF LIMBO...


"LIMBO IS THE WAITING ROOM BETWEEN HEAVEN AND H-E-DOUBLE HOCKEY STICKS. IT'S THE SECOND WORST PLACE IN ALL CREATION. YOU CAN PROBABLY GUESS WHAT THE FIRST IS.
"MOST SOULS WOULD DO ANYTHING TO GET OUT.
ENTER FOUR-FIFTHS OF MY CASELOAD."
BRIAN BLUEDRAGON IS NOT AMONG US. I, KUGA, MIGHTY SLAYER OF LIONS, WILL NEED ALL MY Sniff Sniff LEGENDARY SKILL TO FOLLOW HIS TRAIL.
DON'T BOTHER, YOU BOMBASTIC SAVAGE.
OUR ERRANT KNIGHT HAS MERELY GONE TO ANNOY KAMODIUS WITH HIS LATEST DEMAND TO BE FREE OF LIMBO.
THE ODDS ARE, OF COURSE, DECIDEDLY AGAINST THE DULL BLADE'S SUCCESS.
A WARRIOR MAKES HIS OWN ODDS, DOCTOR MORDIUS.
THAT'S KINDA HOW I GOT HERE, KUGA.
COURTESY OF SOME MUGS WIT' NO APPRECIATION OF HARD LUCK HARRIGAN'S CREATIVITY IN GAMES OF CHANCE.
IT'S NOT SO AWFUL HERE. IT'S VERY RELAXING.
TOO MUCH THINKING ALWAYS GAVE ME HEAD-ACHES.
DEZIRA, YOU ARE A PARAGON OF MENTAL PARALYSIS.
Oh, MORDY, YOU'RE SUCH A CHARMER.

"AND THIS...
"CERBERUS, YOU MOTHERLESS DEMON-SPAWN!
"...IS BRIAN BLUEDRAGON. SIR GALAHAD, HE'S NOT."
MUST I SLAY ALL YOUR LOATHSOME CURS--
--BEFORE YOU WILL FACE MY SWORD?
RAWLL?
YOU'RE NOT MUCH OF A "PET" PERSON, ARE YOU? I BET YOUR PARENTS HAD TO PUT MEAT IN YOUR CLOTHES TO GET THE DOG TO PLAY WITH YOU.
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
SHANG
I DEMAND AUDIENCE WITH YOUR INFERNAL MASTERS--
--AND NO MERE GATEKEEPER WILL BAR MY WAY!
KRUT
ARRRRHH

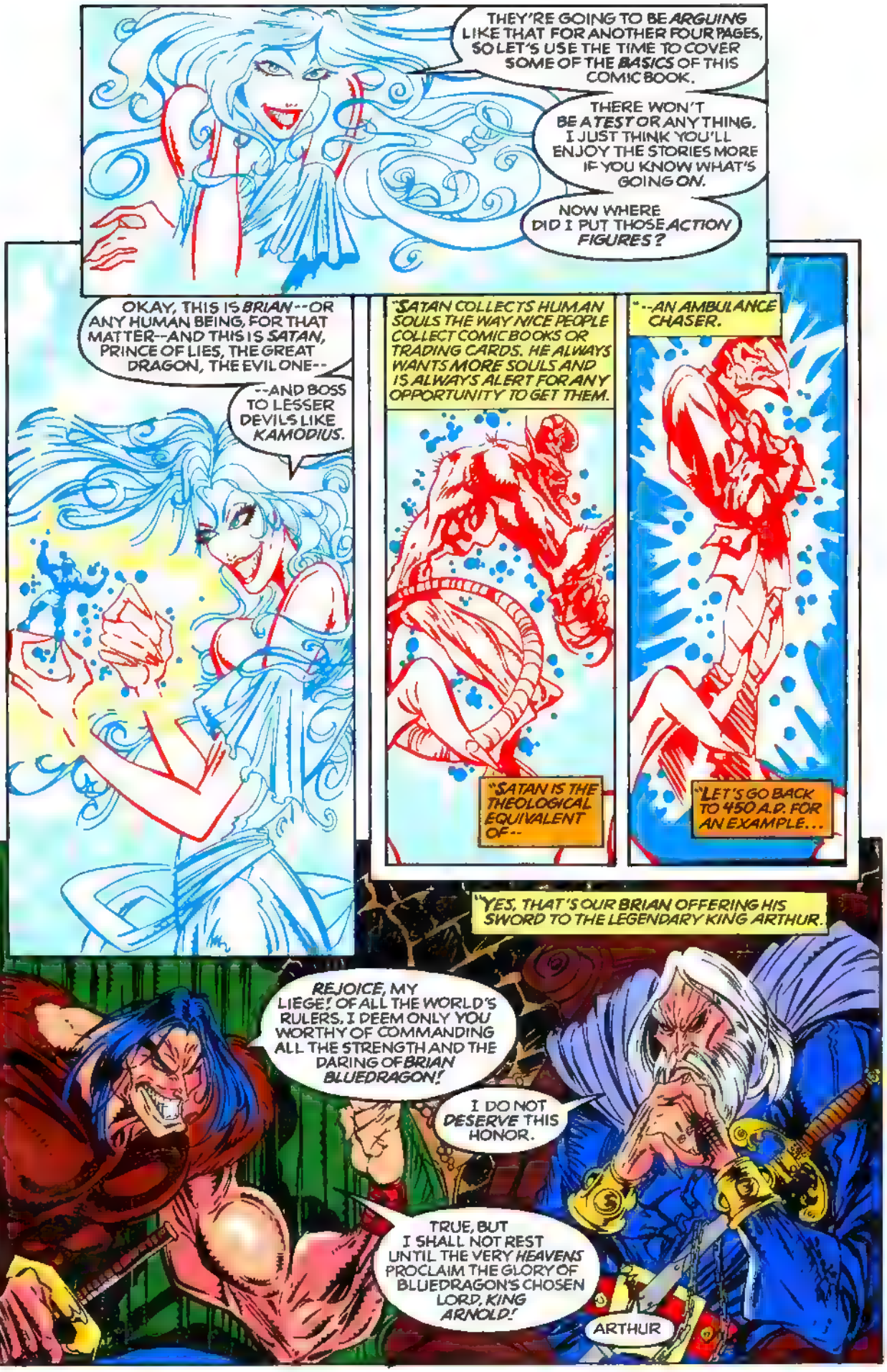
YOU ROUND TABLE REJECT! THAT WAS MY BEST HEAD YOU JUST LOPPED OFF!
THIS'LL KILL ME WITH THE DEMON-ESSES!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WEAR TURTLE-NECKS TO HIDE THE STITCHES?
YOU'LL BE DRESSING FOR YOUR FUNERAL IF YOU DON'T LET ME THROUGH YON STYGIAN GATES!
SO SWEARS BLUEDRAGON!
BE MY FLIPPIN' GUEST! THEY'RE ONLY LOCKED TO KEEP THE DAMNED FROM GETTING OUT!
NOBODY BUT YOU AND THAT ORPHEUS KID EVER WANTED TO GET IN!
WHAT A DWEEB!
THROW WIDE THE GATES OF TARTARUS, YOU WHO GROVEL BEHIND THEM!
A WARRIOR BORN COMMANDS YOU!
THAT MUCH TESTOSTERONE IN ONE MAN IS UNNATURAL.
WONDER IF THE FATES WOULD SEW THIS BACK ON.
THE PIT
"BRIAN IS GOING TO BE QUITE A CHALLENGE--
STAND ASIDE, PEASANT!
"--EVEN FOR A GUARDIAN ANGEL FIRST CLASS. BY THE WAY, THE SPLASH PAGE IS COMING UP NEXT...

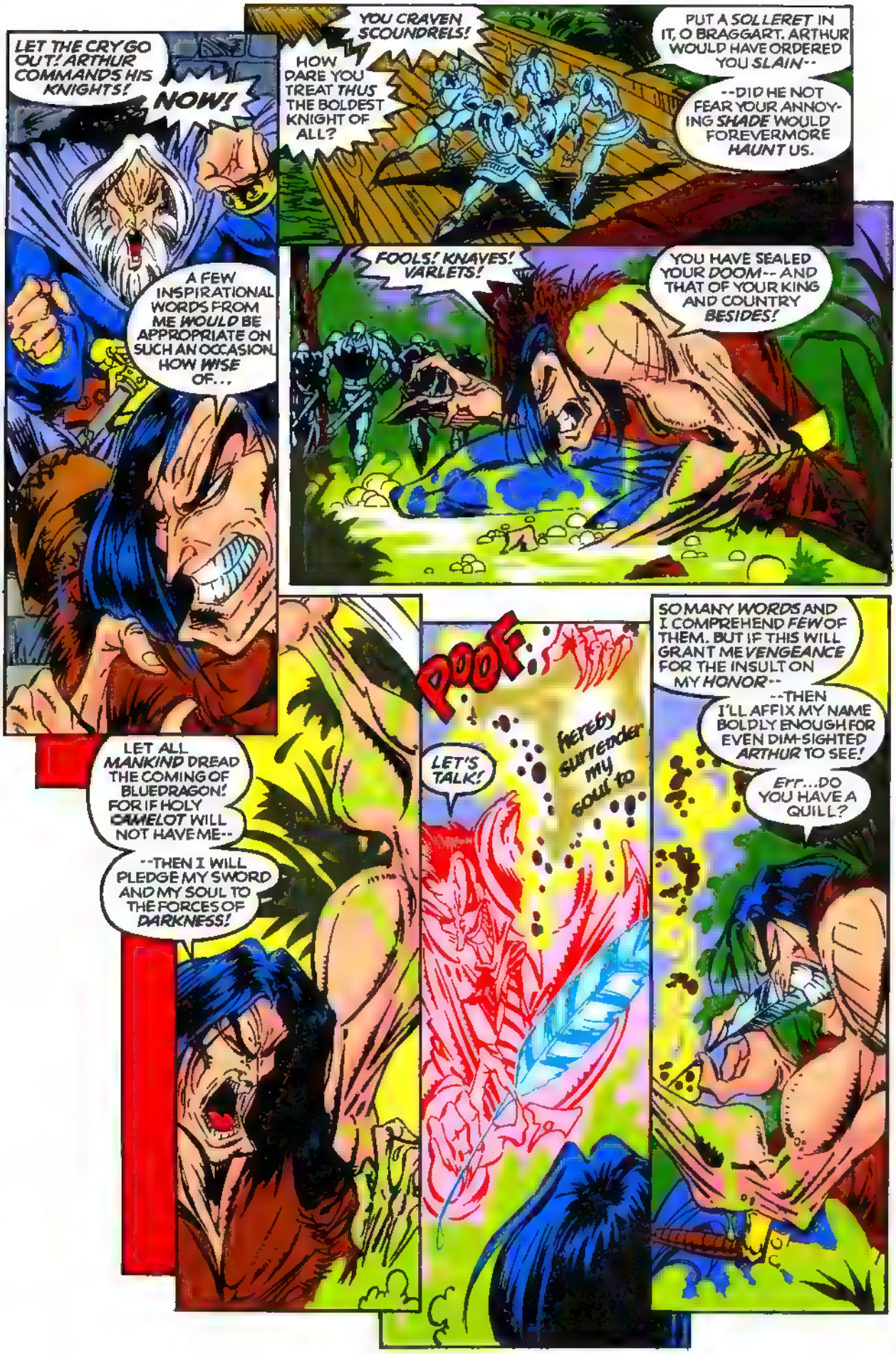
SATAN'S SIX
HERE THEY COME!
"DON'T LET THE OCCASIONAL STYLE CHANGE CONFUSE YOU. THIS PLACE WAS NEVER BIG ON CONSISTENCY. THAT'S WHY WE CALL IT--
"-- YOU KNOW WHAT.
LET ME IN, YOU SCALY, WART-COVERED FIRE-TOADS!
LET ME IN, I SAY!
STUBBORN FOOL!
STARTING ANOTHER ROW WON'T CHANGE THE RULES!
GET OUT!
HAHAHAHA! OUT OF ALL THE BILLIONS OF UNWANTEDS, THAT MALCONTENT SHOWS UP EVERY DECADE TO BEDEVIL ODIOUS KAMODIOUS!
I'M WILLING TO TAKE A FEW BRUISES TO WATCH THEM FRUSTRATE EACH OTHER INTO HELPLESS DREGS!

"AS YOU'VE PROBABLY GUESSED, THIS ISN'T EXACTLY THE KNIGHT'S FIRST TRIP THROUGH THE INFERNAL GATES...
THIS CAN MORE THAN MATCH YOUR SWORD, SIR BLOW-HARD!
AND YOU FORGET THE VALUE OF SWIFTNESS, DEMON! IT IS A QUALITY FOR WHICH I AM WELL KNOWN!
ZZSSH
DAMN YOU AND YOUR BOASTING! ANOTHER BLAST WILL SETTLE THIS—!
TOO LATE!
BLAM
A DISPLAY OF TEMPER WILL EARN YOU NOTHING!
GO BACK TO YOUR PLACE AND STAY THERE!
NO POWER FROM THE PITS CAN DICTATE ITS WILL TO ME!

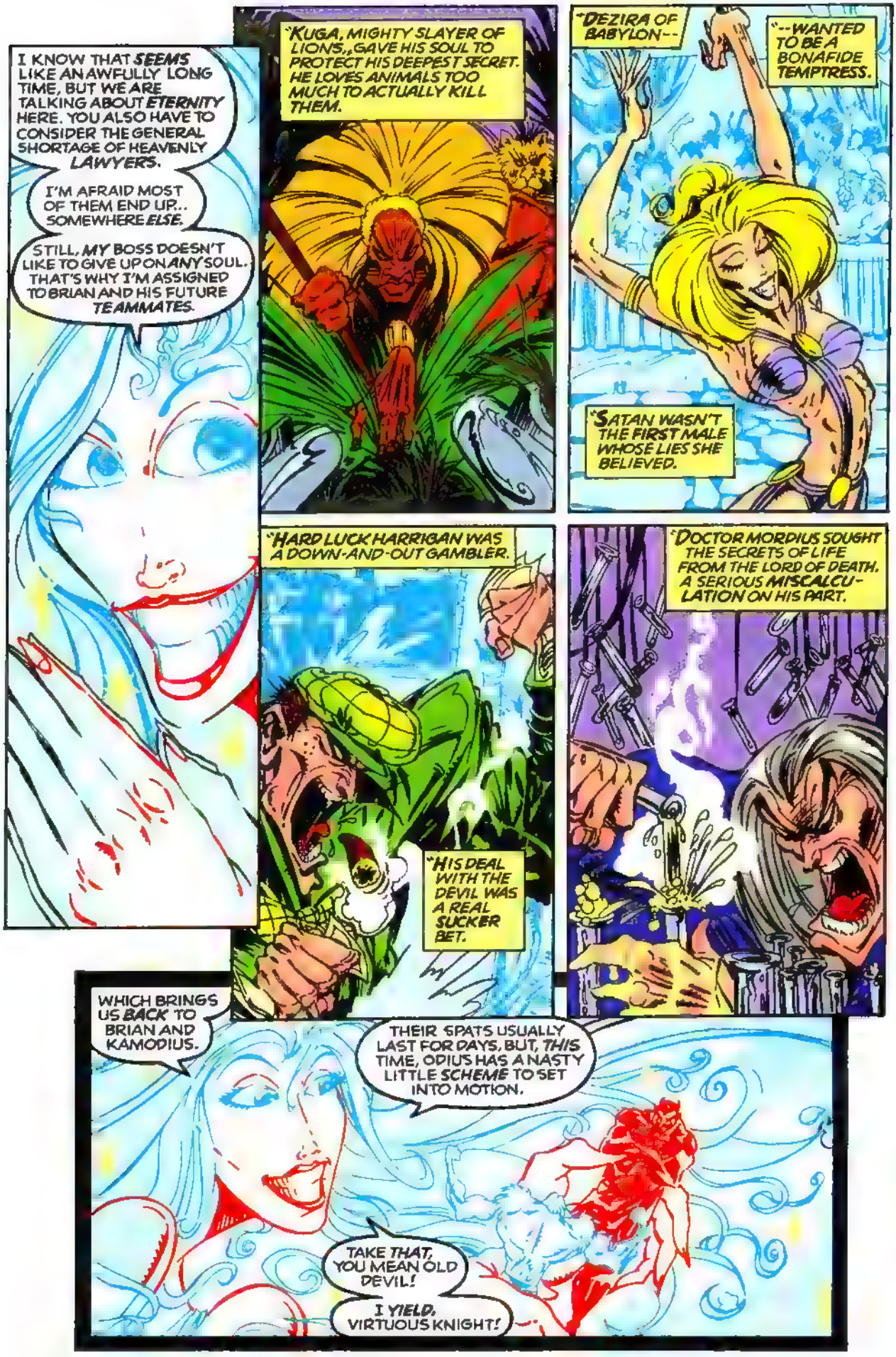
I'VE BENT A NICE, OLD WINGED FELLOW'S TRUMPET *UP THERE*, AND WILL TWIST A *THOUSAND* TAILS IN *THIS* PLACE! I WILL DO THIS UNTIL MY DESIRE IS MET!
BAM
YOUR DESIRE WILL BE MET WHEN THE THERMOMETERS IN HADES READ *BELOW ZERO!*
NOW, CAN'T YOU GET THAT INTO YOUR *THICK* SKULL?
WHY MUST I BE KEPT FROM ENTERING THE *HIGH* AND *LOW* DOMAINS *WHY?! WHY?!*
WE'VE GOT *STANDARDS*, THAT'S WHY! YOUR WISHY-WASHY ILK MUST *SUFFER!*
HE'S *RIGHT*, YOU KNOW!
I WAS *NEVER* TRULY GOOD NOR BAD! DOES THAT WARRANT A *BORING* ETERNITY IN LIMBO?!
WELL, IT'S A *GREAT* PLACE TO THINK THINGS OUT...

KING ARTHUR DID MY THINKING! IT WAS MY SWORD THAT DID THE DOING! NO KNIGHT WAS EQUAL TO BOLDER DEEDS THAN I!
THEN HOW COME I NEVER HEARD OF YOU?!
FATUOUS, POMPOUS KNAVE! I'VE EARNED A PLACE SOME-WHERE! BRIAN BLUE-DRAGON MUST HAVE A CAUSE TO DEFEND!
I'VE TOLD YOU TIME AND AGAIN...
CHIVALRY DIED HERE A LONG TIME AGO!
THEN I'LL FIGHT FOR EVIL!
I SHALL ENTER THIS DOMAIN--OR DESTROY IT!
DOLT! IDIOT!
WHO IN BLAZES DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!!
ZZSSSHH!
WE'VE LIVED WITH THAT THREAT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME!
NOW LEAVE, BEFORE YOU GET THE KIND OF PUNISHMENT YOU HAVEN'T EARNED!


THEY'RE GOING TO BE ARGUING LIKE THAT FOR ANOTHER FOUR PAGES, SO LET'S USE THE TIME TO COVER SOME OF THE BASICS OF THIS COMIC BOOK.
THERE WON'T BE A TEST OR ANY THING. I JUST THINK YOU'LL ENJOY THE STORIES MORE IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.
NOW WHERE DID I PUT THOSE ACTION FIGURES?
OKAY, THIS IS BRIAN--OR ANY HUMAN BEING, FOR THAT MATTER--AND THIS IS SATAN, PRINCE OF LIES, THE GREAT DRAGON, THE EVIL ONE--
--AND BOSS TO LESSER DEVILS LIKE KAMODIUS.
"SATAN COLLECTS HUMAN SOULS THE WAY NICE PEOPLE COLLECT COMIC BOOKS OR TRADING CARDS. HE ALWAYS WANTS MORE SOULS AND IS ALWAYS ALERT FOR ANY OPPORTUNITY TO GET THEM.
"SATAN IS THE THEOLOGICAL EQUIVALENT OF--
"--AN AMBULANCE CHASER.
"LET'S GO BACK TO 450 A.D. FOR AN EXAMPLE...
"YES, THAT'S OUR BRIAN OFFERING HIS SWORD TO THE LEGENDARY KING ARTHUR.
REJOICE, MY LIEGE! OF ALL THE WORLD'S RULERS, I DEEM ONLY YOU WORTHY OF COMMANDING ALL THE STRENGTH AND THE DARING OF BRIAN BLUEDRAGON!
I DO NOT DESERVE THIS HONOR.
TRUE, BUT I SHALL NOT REST UNTIL THE VERY HEAVENS PROCLAIM THE GLORY OF BLUEDRAGON'S CHOSEN LORD, KING ARNOLD!
ARTHUR


LET THE CRY GO OUT! ARTHUR COMMANDS HIS KNIGHTS!
NOW!
A FEW INSPIRATIONAL WORDS FROM ME WOULD BE APPROPRIATE ON SUCH AN OCCASION. HOW WISE OF...
YOU CRAVEN SCOUNDRELS!
HOW DARE YOU TREAT THUS THE BOLDEST KNIGHT OF ALL?
PUT A SOLLERET IN IT, O BRAGGART. ARTHUR WOULD HAVE ORDERED YOU SLAIN--
--DID HE NOT FEAR YOUR ANNOYING SHADE WOULD FOREVERMORE HAUNT US.
FOOLS! KNAVES! VARLETS!
YOU HAVE SEALED YOUR DOOM-- AND THAT OF YOUR KING AND COUNTRY BESIDES!
LET ALL MANKIND DREAD THE COMING OF BLUEDRAGON! FOR IF HOLY CAMELOT WILL NOT HAVE ME--
--THEN I WILL PLEDGE MY SWORD AND MY SOUL TO THE FORCES OF DARKNESS!
POOF
LET'S TALK!
hereby surrender my soul to
SO MANY WORDS AND I COMPREHEND FEW OF THEM. BUT IF THIS WILL GRANT ME VENGEANCE FOR THE INSULT ON MY HONOR--
--THEN I'LL AFFIX MY NAME BOLDLY ENOUGH FOR EVEN DIM-SIGHTED ARTHUR TO SEE!
Err...DO YOU HAVE A QUILL?

"BRIAN, MORE THAN A TOUCH IMPULSIVE WHERE HIS PRIDE WAS CONCERNED, SAW SIGNING THAT CONTRACT AS HEROIC DEFIANCE OF INJUSTICE. WHICH IS LIKELY WHY HE DIDN'T SEE THE OUT-OF-CONTROL AND VERY SOLIDLY-BUILT WAGON BEARING DOWN ON HIM.
"SATAN WAS EAGER TO TAKE THE BENIGHTED KNIGHT'S SOUL A.S.A.P., POSSESSION BEING NINE-TENTHS OF THE LAW AND ALL.
THAT WAS ALMOST TOO EASY.
GOT ANY BROTHERS?
"BRIAN DIDN'T RESIST.
"FOR ALL HIS MYRIAD FAULTS--NONE OF THEM MAJOR ENOUGH TO WARRANT ETERNAL DAMNATION--HE STOOD BY HIS WORD.
POOR BRIAN.
"IT WAS HEAVEN ITSELF THAT APPEALED THE USURIOUS CONTRACT--
NI++++!
"--CITING BRIAN'S DIMINISHED CAPACITY.
GRRRR...
"BRIAN WAS, OF COURSE, INSULTED. MORE SO WHEN HE LEARNED HE'D HAVE TO WANDER LIMBO UNTIL HIS CASE WAS DECIDED. THAT WAS OVER FOURTEEN HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

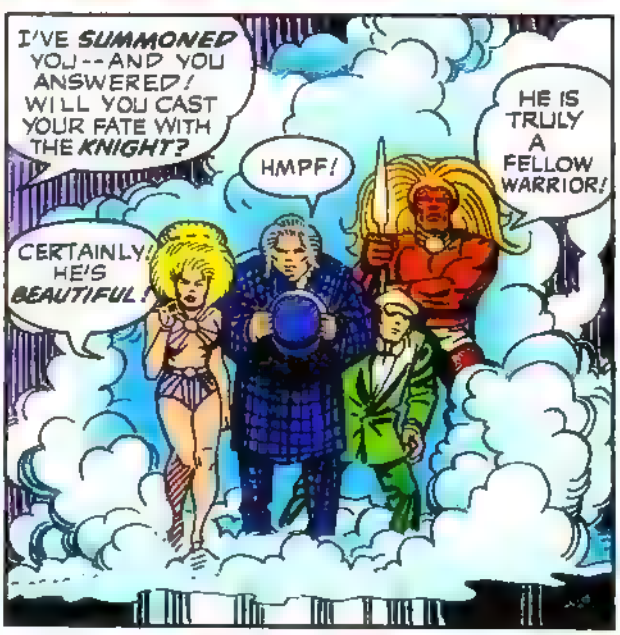

I KNOW THAT SEEMS LIKE AN AWFULLY LONG TIME, BUT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ETERNITY HERE. YOU ALSO HAVE TO CONSIDER THE GENERAL SHORTAGE OF HEAVENLY LAWYERS.
I'M AFRAID MOST OF THEM END UP... SOMEWHERE ELSE.
STILL, MY BOSS DOESN'T LIKE TO GIVE UP ON ANY SOUL. THAT'S WHY I'M ASSIGNED TO BRIAN AND HIS FUTURE TEAMMATES.
"KUGA, MIGHTY SLAYER OF LIONS,, GAVE HIS SOUL TO PROTECT HIS DEEPEST SECRET. HE LOVES ANIMALS TOO MUCH TO ACTUALLY KILL THEM.
"DEZIRA OF BABYLON--
"--WANTED TO BE A BONAFIDE TEMPTRESS.
"SATAN WASN'T THE FIRST MALE WHOSE LIES SHE BELIEVED.
"HARD LUCK HARRIGAN WAS A DOWN-AND-OUT GAMBLER.
"HIS DEAL WITH THE DEVIL WAS A REAL SUCKER BET.
"DOCTOR MORDIUS SOUGHT THE SECRETS OF LIFE FROM THE LORD OF DEATH. A SERIOUS MISCALCULATION ON HIS PART.
WHICH BRINGS US BACK TO BRIAN AND KAMODIUS.
THEIR SPATS USUALLY LAST FOR DAYS, BUT, THIS TIME, ODIUS HAS A NASTY LITTLE SCHEME TO SET INTO MOTION.
TAKE THAT, YOU MEAN OLD DEVIL!
I YIELD, VIRTUOUS KNIGHT!

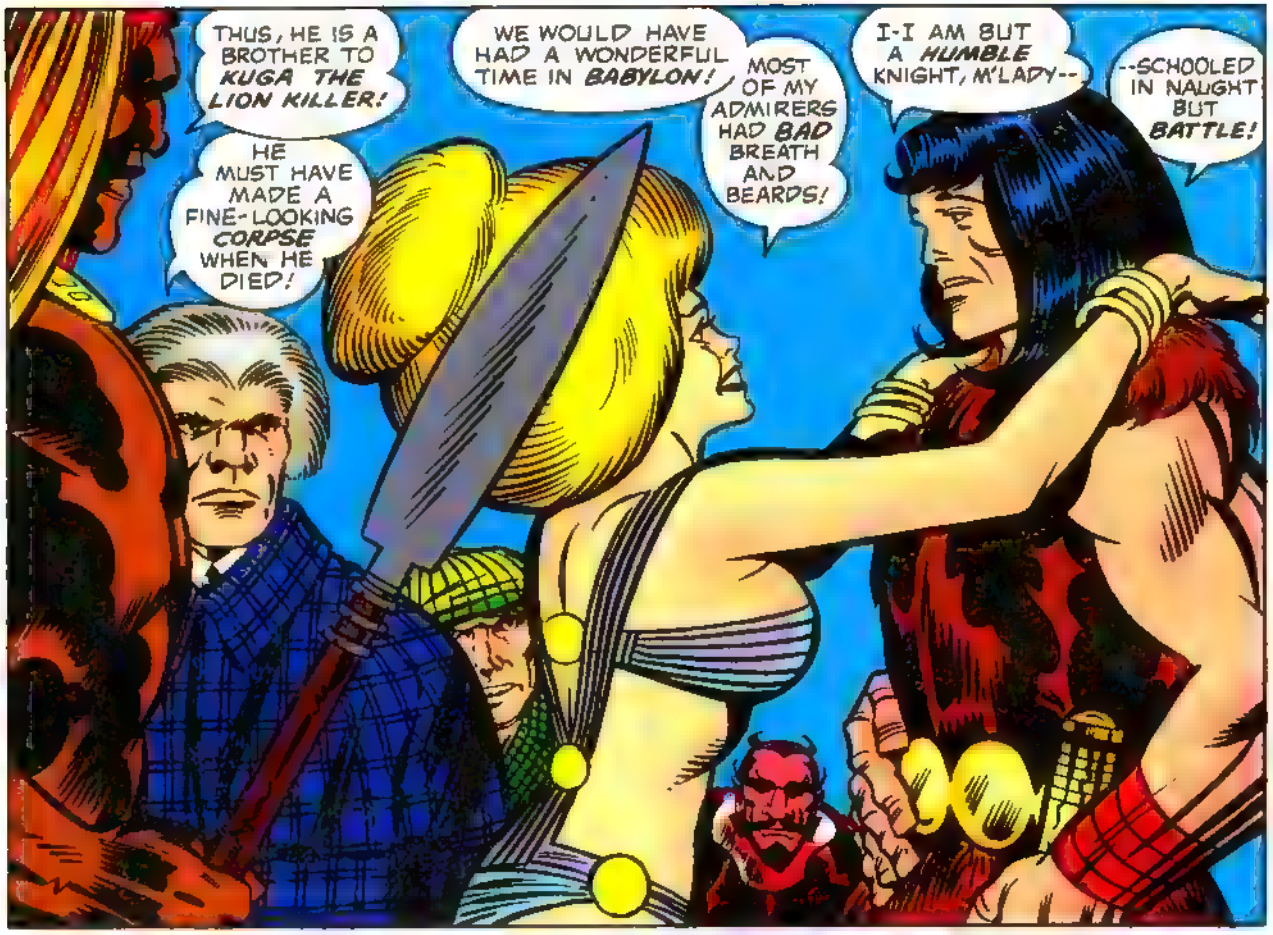
I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOU, BLUEDRAGON! YOU'RE A PESKY KIND OF SPOILER WHO'LL NEVER ALLOW ME TO REST!
I SHALL BEAT DOWN YOUR DOORS EACH PASSING DECADE AND FLAY YOUR DEMONS BEFORE YOUR EYES!

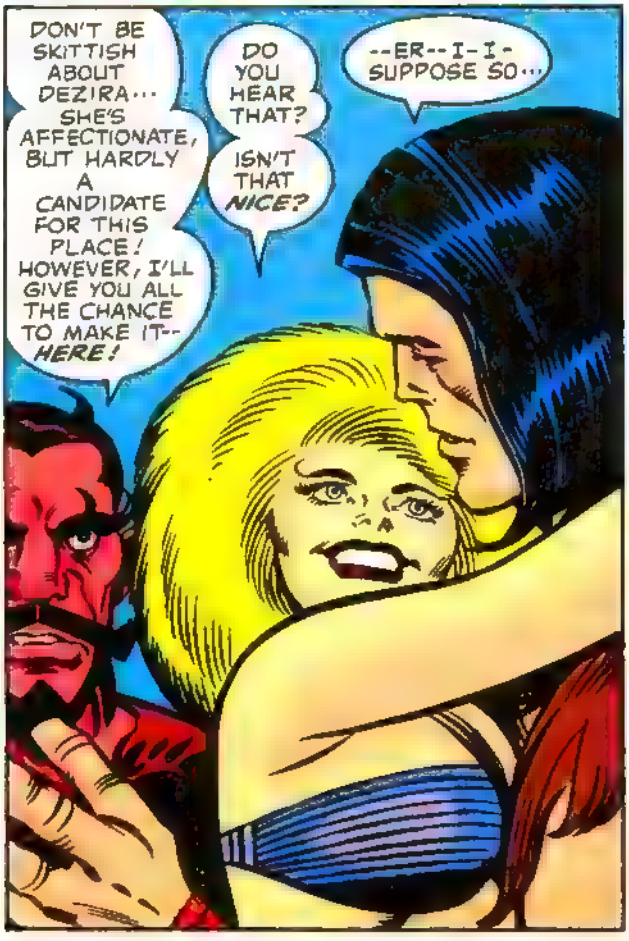
YES··· WELL··· AS YOU KNOW, I'M ONLY A MERE ASSOCIATE AND CERTAINLY NOT THE POWER WHICH RULES THIS DOMAIN···
YET, YOU CAN SAY "YEA" OR "NAY" IN MATTERS SUCH AS MINE!

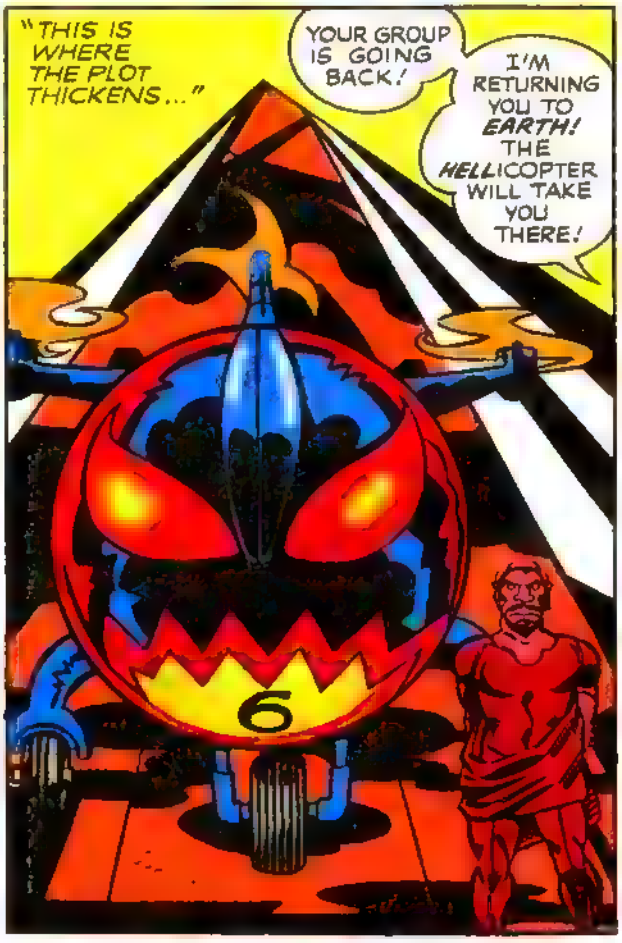
YOU CAN GIVE ME SHELTER IN THIS DOMAIN!
THIS PLACE HAS BEEN CALLED EVERYTHING-- BUT THAT!
BUT··· I WON'T QUIBBLE! I'LL OFFER YOU THE CHANCE TO PAY YOUR DUES HERE!

IN FACT, THERE ARE A FEW OTHER DEADBEATS WHO MIGHT LIKE MY DEAL!
TZSH!


I'VE SUMMONED YOU-- AND YOU ANSWERED! WILL YOU CAST YOUR FATE WITH THE KNIGHT?
HMPF!
HE IS TRULY A FELLOW WARRIOR!
CERTAINLY! HE'S BEAUTIFUL!


THUS, HE IS A BROTHER TO KUGA THE LION KILLER!
HE MUST HAVE MADE A FINE-LOOKING CORPSE WHEN HE DIED!
WE WOULD HAVE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME IN BABYLON!
MOST OF MY ADMIRERS HAD BAD BREATH AND BEARDS!
I-I AM BUT A HUMBLE KNIGHT, M'LADY--
--SCHOOLED IN NAUGHT BUT BATTLE!


DON'T BE SKITTISH ABOUT DEZIRA... SHE'S AFFECTIONATE, BUT HARDLY A CANDIDATE FOR THIS PLACE! HOWEVER, I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE CHANCE TO MAKE IT-- HERE!
DO YOU HEAR THAT?
ISN'T THAT NICE?
--ER--I-I-SUPPOSE SO...


"THIS IS WHERE THE PLOT THICKENS..."
YOUR GROUP IS GOING BACK!
I'M RETURNING YOU TO EARTH! THE HELLICOPTER WILL TAKE YOU THERE!
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A FEW SARTORIAL ALTERATIONS WILL SERVE YOU WELL ON YOUR UNHOLY MISSION.
KAMODIUS! WHAT WIZARDRY IS THIS?!
AND WHENCE COMES THIS UNSEEMLY BREEZE?
Ah! YOU HAVE TRANSFORMED MY RAIMENT BEFITTING EVIL'S EMISSARY ON EARTH! IT SUITS ME!
BIT SNUG IN THE BOBBLES, THOUGH.
LET THE VERY HEAVENS WEEP! I SEEK SOULS FOR SATAN AND WILL NOT BE DENIED!
BRING THE FERVOR DOWN A NOTCH, OKAY?
I'M GETTING A MIGRAINE.
SPARE ME YOUR VANITY, OAF, AND LISTEN WELL:
YOUR TASK IS TO FIND HUMANS WHO BALANCE PRECARIOUSLY BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL--
--AND WIN THEIR SOULS FOR OUR MASTER!
I'LL GIVE YOU A COPY OF THE HANDBOOK.
ASK HARRIGAN TO READ IT TO YOU

JACK KIRBY'S

SATAN'S SIX™

SIX LOVABLE DOPES FROM LIMBO. IN ORDER TO GET RID OF THEM, SATAN SENDS THEM BACK TO EARTH TO EARN THEIR PITCHFORKS!

THIS IS WHAT CHARACTERS LOOK LIKE WHEN NOT IN COSTUME...

BRIAN BLUEDRAGON
THIS ERRING KNIGHT HAS THE WORST OF INTENTIONS... BUT HIS BAD DEEDS ALWAYS TURN OUT TO BE GOOD...

HARD LUCK HARRIGAN
PETTY GAMBLER AND BOOKIE WHO DROVE THE MOBSTERS --OUT OF THEIR BIRD!

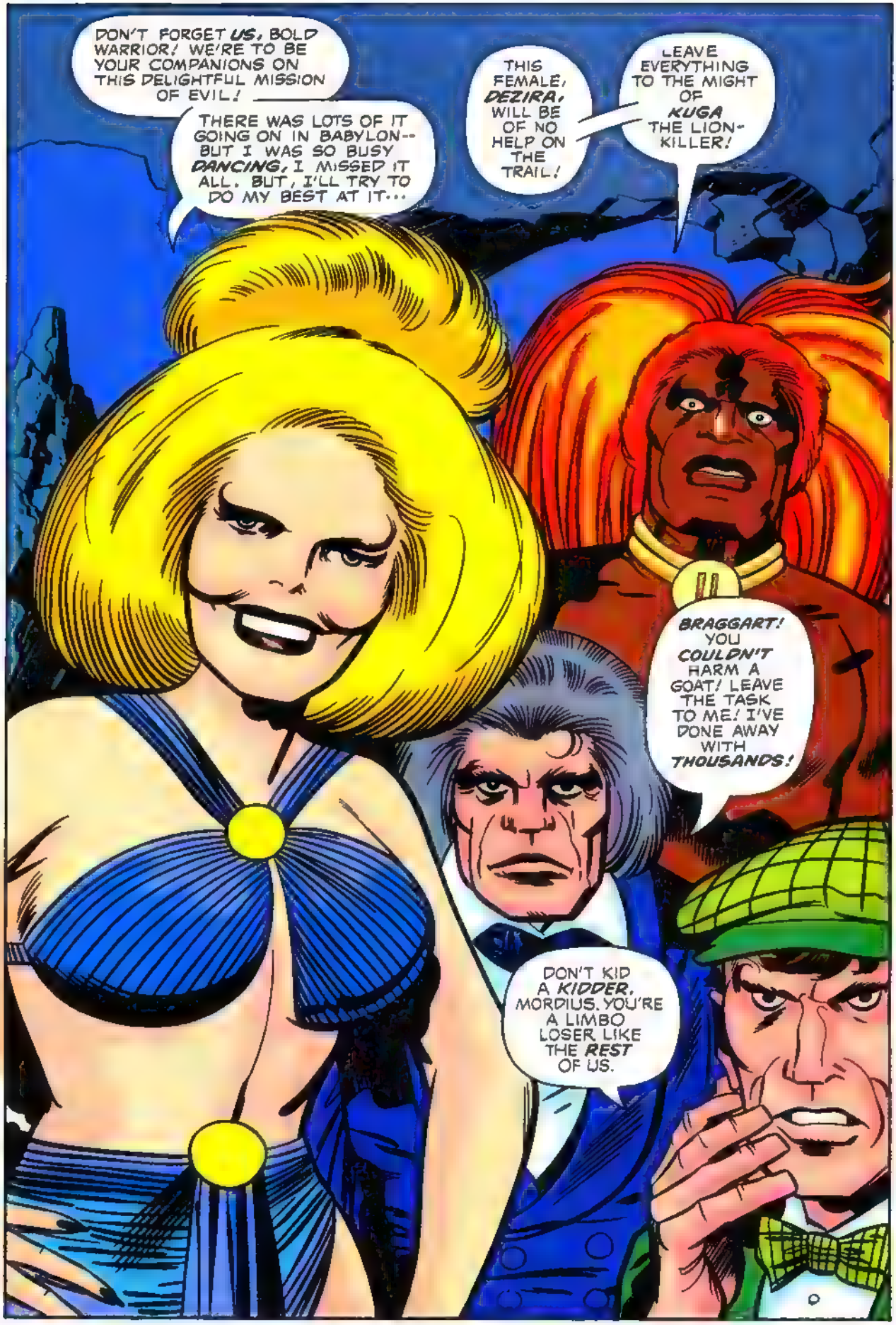
DOCTOR MORDIUS
NO SELF-RESPECTING MASS-MURDERER WOULD ASSOCIATE WITH HIM...

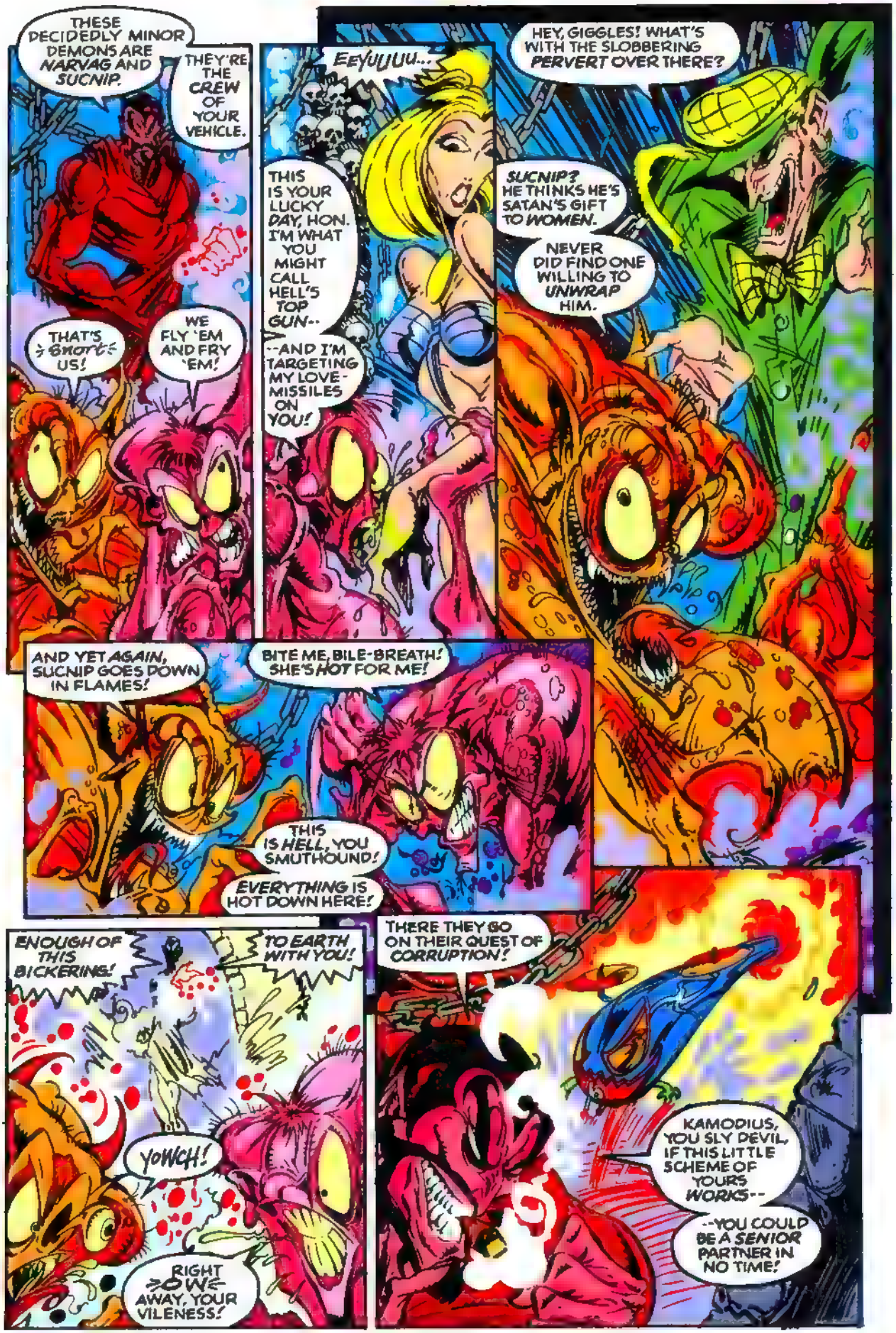
KUGA THE LION-KILLER
THE TRUTH IS--HE'LL FIGHT ONE -- BUT HE WON'T KILL ONE... KUGA SECRETLY LOVES ANIMALS...

DEZIRA OF BABYLON. SHE'S TOO CUTE AND DIZZY TO BE A BONAFIDE TEMPTRESS. SHE'S LIKE GOLDIE HAWN...

Jack Kirby

FRIGHTFUL--
HE'S A REAL, BONA-FIDE FIEND FROM HELL. HIS POWERS ARE AWESOME... HE'S SENT ALONG TO KEEP THE OTHERS IN LINE, BUT HE WINDS UP HELPING THEM...


DON'T FORGET US, BOLD WARRIOR! WE'RE TO BE YOUR COMPANIONS ON THIS DELIGHTFUL MISSION OF EVIL!
THERE WAS LOTS OF IT GOING ON IN BABYLON-- BUT I WAS SO BUSY DANCING, I MISSED IT ALL. BUT, I'LL TRY TO DO MY BEST AT IT...
THIS FEMALE, DEZIRA, WILL BE OF NO HELP ON THE TRAIL!
LEAVE EVERYTHING TO THE MIGHT OF KUGA THE LION-KILLER!
BRAGGART! YOU COULDN'T HARM A GOAT! LEAVE THE TASK TO ME! I'VE DONE AWAY WITH THOUSANDS!
DON'T KID A KIDDER, MORDIUS. YOU'RE A LIMBO LOSER LIKE THE REST OF US.


THESE DECIDEDLY MINOR DEMONS ARE NARVAG AND SUCNIP.
THEY'RE THE CREW OF YOUR VEHICLE.
THAT'S >snort< US!
WE FLY 'EM AND FRY 'EM!
EEYUUUU...
THIS IS YOUR LUCKY DAY, HON. I'M WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL HELL'S TOP GUN--
--AND I'M TARGETING MY LOVE-MISSILES ON YOU!
HEY, GIGGLES! WHAT'S WITH THE SLOBBERING PERVERT OVER THERE?
SUCNIP? HE THINKS HE'S SATAN'S GIFT TO WOMEN.
NEVER DID FIND ONE WILLING TO UNWRAP HIM.
AND YET AGAIN, SUCNIP GOES DOWN IN FLAMES!
BITE ME, BILE-BREATH! SHE'S HOT FOR ME!
THIS IS HELL, YOU SMUTHOUND!
EVERYTHING IS HOT DOWN HERE!
ENOUGH OF THIS BICKERING!
TO EARTH WITH YOU!
YOWCH!
RIGHT >OWE AWAY, YOUR VILENESS!
THERE THEY GO ON THEIR QUEST OF CORRUPTION!
KAMODIUS, YOU SLY DEVIL, IF THIS LITTLE SCHEME OF YOURS WORKS--
--YOU COULD BE A SENIOR PARTNER IN NO TIME!

"POOR BRIAN. HE AND THE OTHERS ARE BEING DUPED INTO OVERTURNING THEIR OWN APPEAL. THE DEVIL JUST DOESN'T BELIEVE IN DUE PROCESS."
FEAR SHALL STRIKE THE LIONS WHO LURK BEYOND THE VILLAGES! NUGA COMES!
MAKE WAY FOR BRIAN BLUEDRAGON --LEADER OF SATAN'S SIX!
I WONDER IF THE DANCING AN' THE MUSIC HAVE CHANGED IN THE TEMPLES?
HERE WE GO! BRACE YOURSELVES FOR A LOOK AT THE TWENTIETH CENTURY!
CATCHY NAME, BLUEBOY, BUT THERE'S ONLY FIVE OF US HUMANS HERE
THEN WHY IS THERE A SIX ON MY CHEST?
"ALLITERATION WOULD BE MY GUESS.

I'VE GOT LOTS TO DO BEFORE THE NEXT ISSUE, SO YOU READERS ARE ON YOUR OWN FOR THE LAST FEW PAGES.
THIS IS WHERE I COME IN. IF BRIAN AND HIS FRIENDS WERE TO LEAD ANY SOULS TO SATAN, THEY WOULD BE LOST AS WELL.
THAT SATAN IS SUCH A STINKER!
MY TASK IS TO LEAD THESE FIVE PEOPLE TO REDEMPTION AND EVENTUAL SALVATION. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY--
--BUT ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE IF YOU BELIEVE.
DON'T BE NERVOUS. YOU'RE DOING REALLY WELL.
HERE COMES MY RIDE.
MY ANGEL WINGS? THEY DIDN'T GO WITH THIS OUTFIT. ISN'T THAT JUST AWFUL OF ME?
Oh, THE LETTERER CAN CAN STOP PUTTING "QUOTE MARKS" IN THE CAPTIONS NOW. I'M TURNING THOSE OVER TO THE WRITER.
MEANWHILE, ON EARTH, NOT FAR FROM WHERE YOU'RE LIVING...
BY THE GREAT LION!
CLUB INFERNO
HOW CAN MY VILLAGE BE WITHIN THIS PLACE?
YOU'RE DELIRIOUS, KUGA. THIS IS LONDON!
NOT HOW I SEE IT, DOC.
NOR I, MORDIUS.
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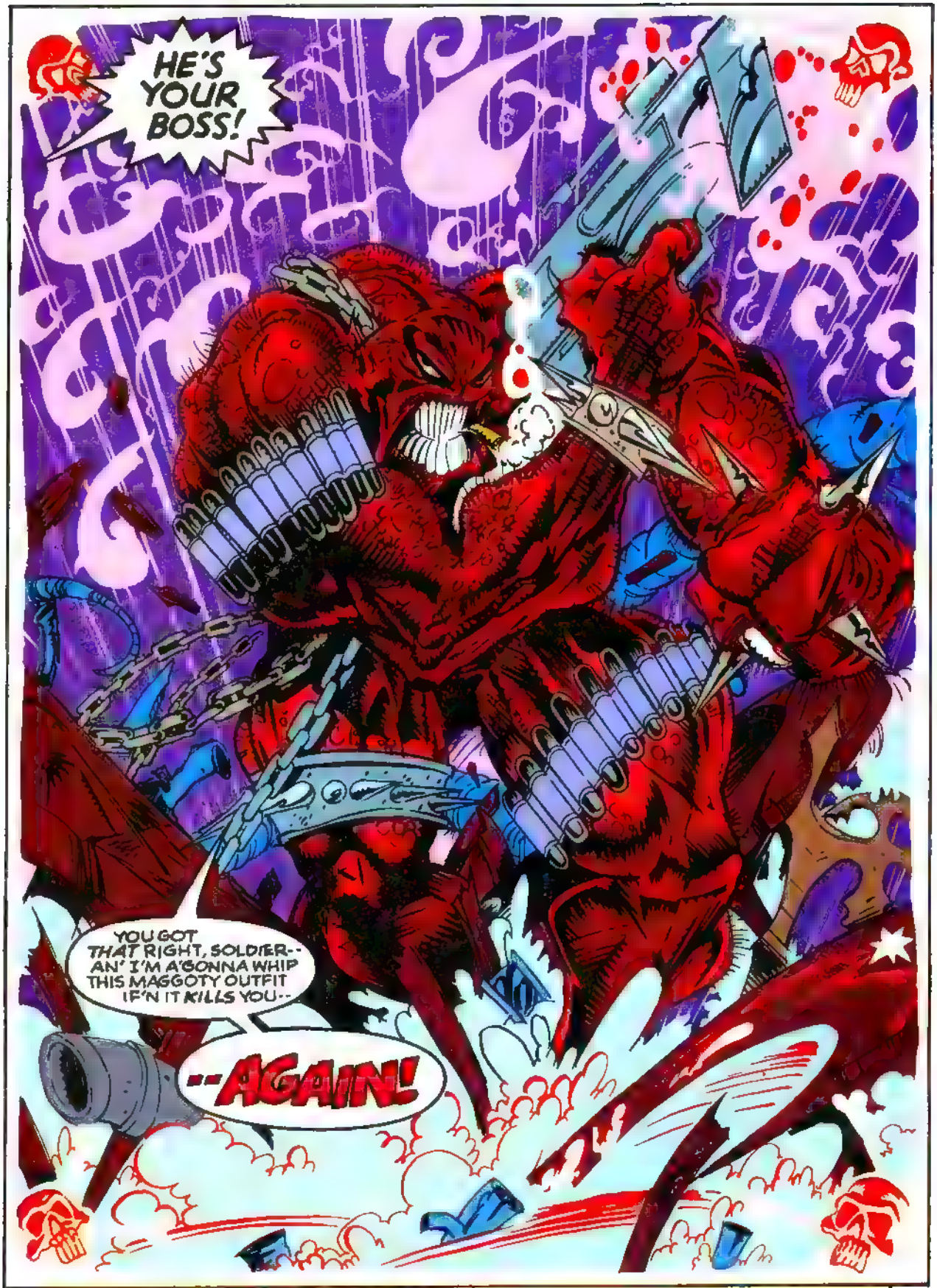
OOOH...THIS MUST BE A MAGIC PLACE.
IT'S WHATEVER WE WANT IT TO BE.

IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THE *TEMPLE* I USED TO DANCE AT DURING ISHTAR'S FESTIVAL OF FERTILITY. SIX SHOWS A NIGHT *PLUS* MATINEES.
I'D *SWEAR* THIS WAS BIG JAKE KURTZBERG'S SOUTH-SIDE SPEAKEASY.
BOY, THAT WAS THE SWELLEST JOINT IN *TOWN*.
IT GOT BLOWED UP IN '29.
AND I BEHOLD THE HAUNTS OF MY *OWN* CALLOW YOUTH--
--WHERE I FIRST BECAME *INTRIGUED* BY THE DUALITY AND DUPLICITY OF MAN.
PRETTY DAMNED *IMPRESSIVE*, *huh*? CLUB INFERNO SITS ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF *CYBER-SATANIC* TECHNOLOGY.
IT MYSTICALLY REFLECTS WHATEVER SETTING OUR PREY, *err*, CUSTOMER, WILL FEEL MOST COMFORTABLE IN.
I'M *VIRUS* YOUR VERY OWN HACKER FROM HELL.
DON'T TOUCH *ANYTHING* THAT BEEPS, BUZZES, GLOWS, HUMS, OR WHISTLES AND AND WE'LL GET ALONG *FINE*.
HELLTACHI

THEN THIS SHALL BE OUR EARTHLY KEEP?
Ah... YEAH. IT'S YOUR BASIC PSYCHIC MAGNET FOR INTENSE DESPAIR.
IT DRAWS HUMANS WHO ARE SMACK DAB ON THE BORDERLINE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL, SO WE CAN GO TO WORK ON 'EM.
THIS'D MAKE ONE HELL OF A TELEVISION SERIES.
TEN-HUT, YOU MISERABLE MORTALS!
WHO DARES--?
:eep:
FEAR NOT FAIR DEZIRA! YOU ARE UNDER THE KNIGHTLY PROTECTION OF BLUEDRAGON!
ZAM
ZAK
BRAA
BOOM
YES, BRIAN! PROTECT ME!
Ohhh, PROTECT ME!
:ulp:
WHAMM
WHO THE HECK IS THAT PALOOKA?!
Oh, YEAH, I ALMOST FORGOT TO TELL YOU ABOUT OLD FRIGHTFUL THERE.
YOU SEE, I'M JUST RANK AND FILE LIKE YOU GUYS...

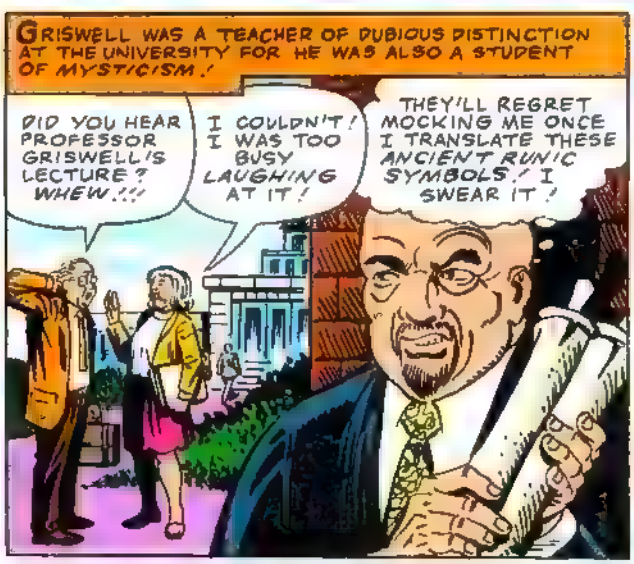


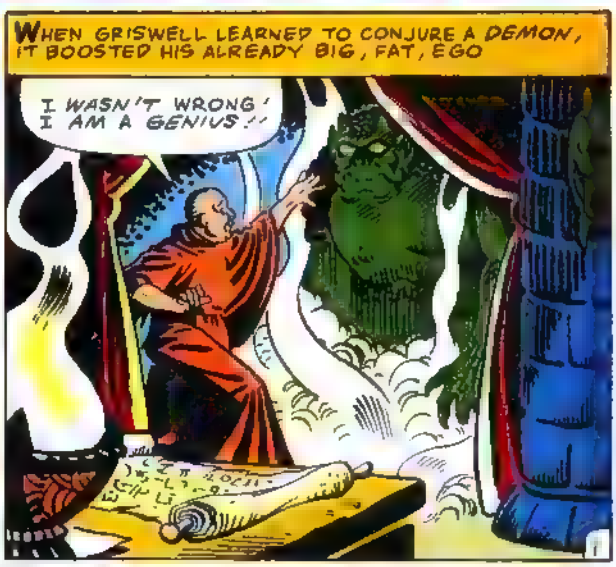
AND FIVE BASICALLY UNWITTING SOULS RAPIDLY DUCK BEHIND WHATEVER COVER THEY CAN FIND, AWARE AT LAST THAT EVEN IN THE AFTERLIFE, WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME--BIG POTENTIAL FOR MAJOR BODILY TRAUMA.

NEXT ISSUE: QUITE POSSIBLY THE MOST SENSATIONAL "SATAN'S SIX" SAGA OF ALL! WE'LL LET YOU KNOW FOR SURE AS SOON AS WE DREAM UP A STORY TO GO WITH THE TITLE..: "IDOL HANDS!"

WOLFF & BYRD, COUNSELORS OF THE MACABRE!

GRISWELL HAD A DEMON HE COULD SUMMON FROM BEYOND TIME AND SPACE!
BUT THERE WAS THE LITTLE MATTER OF THE LAWYERS WHO SUMMONED GRISWELL...


GRISWELL WAS A TEACHER OF DUBIOUS DISTINCTION AT THE UNIVERSITY FOR HE WAS ALSO A STUDENT OF MYSTICISM!
DID YOU HEAR PROFESSOR GRISWELL'S LECTURE? WHEW!!!
I COULDN'T! I WAS TOO BUSY LAUGHING AT IT!
THEY'LL REGRET MOCKING ME ONCE I TRANSLATE THESE ANCIENT RUNIC SYMBOLS! I SWEAR IT!



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WITH A DEMON AT HIS BECK AND CALL, GRISWELL USED IT FOR HIS CAREER, FINANCES, AND... REVENGE!
DEMON! PERSUADE THE DEAN TO GIVE ME TENURE!
DEMON! SPIT OUT YOUR GOLD, YOUR SILVER! AND GO EASY ON THE SLOBBER THIS TIME!
DEMON!! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?! YOU DO NOT REST UNTIL YOUR MISSION OF DESTRUCTION IS OVER! STOP DAWDLING AND TAKE CARE OF THE CRITIC WHO PANNED MY BOOK NOW!!!
GRISWELL KNEW MEN FEARED HIM! THAT'S WHY HE WAS SO SURPRISED TO GET THE LETTER!
WHAT IS THIS?!! I'M BEING SUED!
GRISWELL DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE NAME OF THE PLAINTIFF... MY DEMON'S GONE AFTER SO MANY OF MY ENEMIES! WHICH ONE WOULD BE SO FOOLISH AS TO THINK A LAWSUIT WOULD STOP THE MIGHTY GRISWELL?!?
NO MATTER! GRISWELL WILL MEET WITH THESE LAWYERS ...AND DISMISS THEIR CASE AS I HAVE DISMISSED THEIR LETTER!
AND SO...
INTERESTING... MY OPPONENT HIRED LAWYERS WHO SPECIALIZE IN SUPERNATURAL MATTERS!
WOLFF & BYRD Counselors of the Macabre
HA! THEY DO NOT REALIZE WHO THEY ARE DEALING WITH! WITH ONE SPELL, MY DEMON CAN MAKE THEM WISH THEY WENT INTO INSURANCE LAW!
WOLFF & BYRD Counselors of the
WHA-?
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.. IF HAUNTING FAILED TO GET THOSE PEOPLE OFF YOUR PROPERTY, THE NUISANCE ACTION WE SERVED ON THEM OUGHT TO SCARE THEM AWAY !!!
THANKS, MR. BYRD!
H-HOW DID YOU CONTACT THAT GHOST?!?
IT CONTACTED US.' MOST OF OUR BUSINESS COMES FROM REFERRALS.' --DID YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH US, MISTER --?
GRISWELL, I RECEIVED THE SUMMONS YOU AND ALANNA WOLFF WERE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO SEND ME.
AND I'M NOT FOOLISH ENOUGH TO TALK TO YOU WITHOUT YOUR LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT, MR GRISWELL
GRISWELL REPRESENTS HIMSELF !!!
YOU MIGHT WANT TO RECONSIDER, GOING PRO SE, MR. GRISWELL. MY CLIENT'S CHARGES OF HARASSMENT AND EXTORTION ARE QUITE SERIOUS.
GRISWELL CAN MAKE AN ADVERSARY WISH HE WAS NEVER BORN !!!
SO CAN WE, MR GRISWELL
LOOK, YOU'VE GOT A CHANCE TO RESOLVE THIS OUT OF COURT..
GRISWELL HAS DECIDED TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER IN COURT FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE... AND DESPAIR! GOOD DAY!
LET HIM GO. GUYS LIKE THAT ARE A LOST CAUSE WHEN THEY START REFERRING TO THEMSELVES IN THE THIRD PERSON.
SAY-- WHAT WAS THE DEAL WITH HIS FINGERS ?!?
POSTURING, BYRD. OUR BIGGEST CONCERN NOW IS THAT OUR CLIENT SHOWS UP FOR THAT HEARING!
IF HE DOESN'T, THERE'LL BE HELL TO PAY.. FROM THE JUDGE !!!
AND WHEN THE COURT DATE ARRIVES..
...I UNDERSTAND THE DEFENDANT IS REPRESENTING HIMSELF, IS THAT CORRECT ?!?
IT IS, YOUR HONOR
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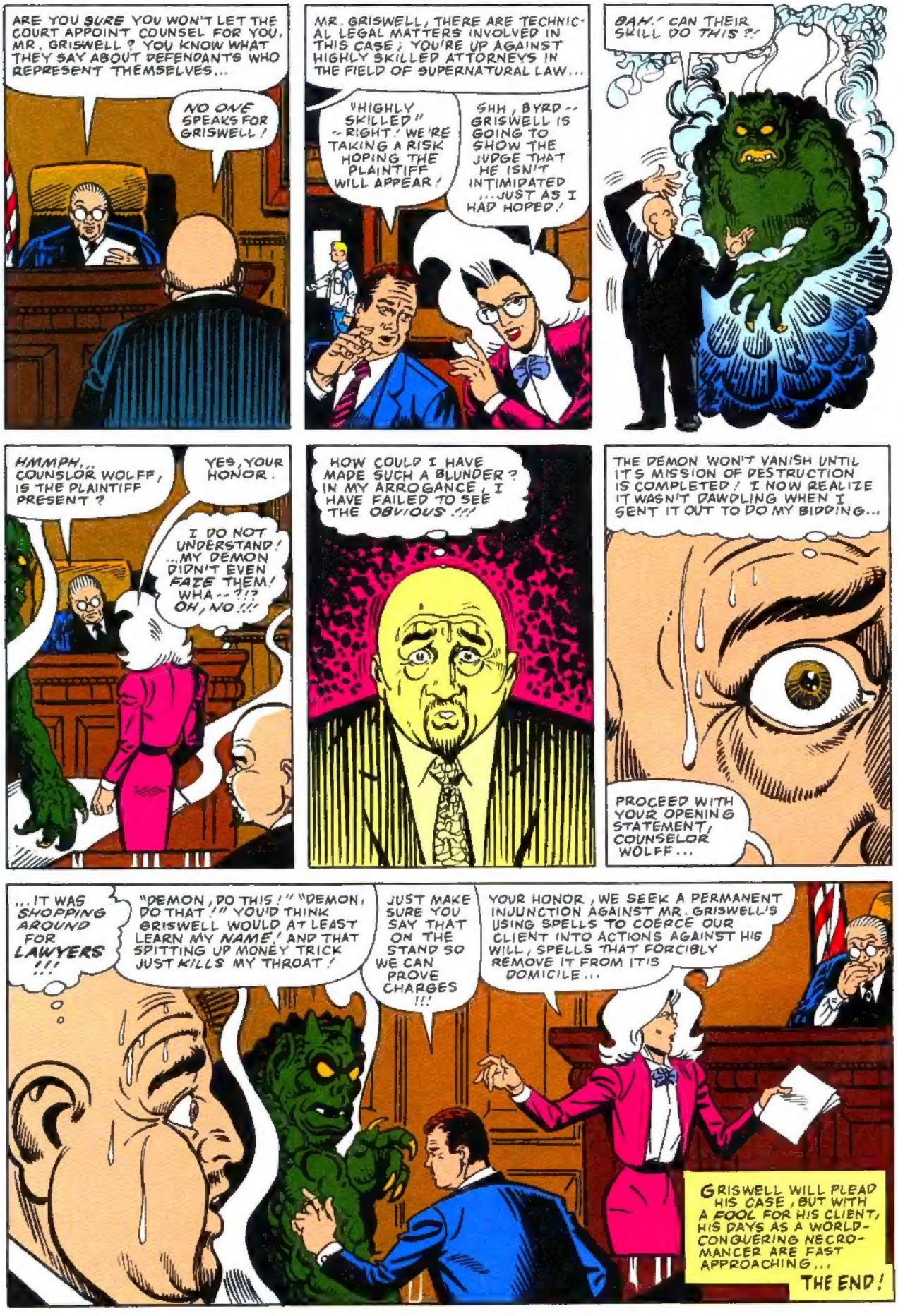
ARE YOU SURE YOU WON'T LET THE COURT APPOINT COUNSEL FOR YOU, MR. GRISWELL? YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT DEFENDANTS WHO REPRESENT THEMSELVES...
NO ONE SPEAKS FOR GRISWELL!
MR. GRISWELL, THERE ARE TECHNICAL LEGAL MATTERS INVOLVED IN THIS CASE; YOU'RE UP AGAINST HIGHLY SKILLED ATTORNEYS IN THE FIELD OF SUPERNATURAL LAW...
"HIGHLY SKILLED" -- RIGHT! WE'RE TAKING A RISK HOPING THE PLAINTIFF WILL APPEAR!
SHH, BYRD -- GRISWELL IS GOING TO SHOW THE JUDGE THAT HE ISN'T INTIMIDATED ...JUST AS I HAD HOPED!
BAH! CAN THEIR SKILL DO THIS?!
HMMPH... COUNSLOR WOLFF, IS THE PLAINTIFF PRESENT?
YES, YOUR HONOR.
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND! ...MY DEMON DIDN'T EVEN FAZE THEM! WHA--?!? OH, NO!!!
HOW COULD I HAVE MADE SUCH A BLUNDER? IN MY ARROGANCE, I HAVE FAILED TO SEE THE OBVIOUS!!!
THE DEMON WON'T VANISH UNTIL IT'S MISSION OF DESTRUCTION IS COMPLETED! I NOW REALIZE IT WASN'T DAWDLING WHEN I SENT IT OUT TO DO MY BIDDING...
PROCEED WITH YOUR OPENING STATEMENT, COUNSELOR WOLFF...
...IT WAS SHOPPING AROUND FOR LAWYERS!!!
"DEMON, DO THIS!" "DEMON, DO THAT!" YOU'D THINK GRISWELL WOULD AT LEAST LEARN MY NAME! AND THAT SPITTING UP MONEY TRICK JUST KILLS MY THROAT!
JUST MAKE SURE YOU SAY THAT ON THE STAND SO WE CAN PROVE CHARGES!!!
YOUR HONOR, WE SEEK A PERMANENT INJUNCTION AGAINST MR. GRISWELL'S USING SPELLS TO COERCE OUR CLIENT INTO ACTIONS AGAINST HIS WILL, SPELLS THAT FORCIBLY REMOVE IT FROM IT'S DOMICILE...
GRISWELL WILL PLEAD HIS CASE, BUT WITH A FOOL FOR HIS CLIENT, HIS DAYS AS A WORLD-CONQUERING NECROMANCER ARE FAST APPROACHING...
THE END!

BULLPEN BIO's

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TONY ISABELLA

Born on December 22,1951, Tony learned how to read from comics at the age of four. In 1963, he decided to make comics his career when he read FANTASTIC FOUR ANNUAL #1. Nine years later, on Halloween day in 1972, Tony achieved that goal when he was hired by Marvel Editor in Chief Roy Thomas. The following year his first comic book story, "Haunt and Run" appeared in CHAMBER OF CHILLS #5. Since that horrifying start, Tony's career has covered almost all aspects of comics. Tony has been an editor, retailer, distributor, guest-lecturer, and promoter, appearing on radio and television both in the US and England. Tony has written almost every Marvel character, among them Ghost Rider and Luke Cage. For DC, Tony is noted for writing Hawkman and Star Trek and is currently working on relaunching his creation Black Lightning. In addition Tony is a columnist for COMICS BUYER'S GUIDE. As his heroes in comics were the members of the Marvel Bullpen, Tony counts this opportunity to write SATAN'S SIX as a dream come true. Tony will be joining penciler John Cleary and inker Armando Gil at the North Coast Comics Con in Hudson, Ohio, on May 16th. In addition to having a plethora of comic book professionals, the convention holds a special charity auction of comic book art and materials to support the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities of Northeast Ohio. For more information contact Roger Pryce at (419) 526-0438. Tony presently lives in Medina, Ohio, with his wife Barbara and their two children Eddie and Kelly.

ARMANDO GIL

Born on June 22, 1959, in the Dominican Republic, inker Armando Gil remembers that he was always drawing. In 1963 his family moved to New York City. One fond memory of his childhood there was that for years he never had to buy comics—a comic book reading friend of his father's would always pass to Armando his comics when he was finished! It was CAPTAIN AMERICA #111 written and drawn by Jim Steranko that caused Armando to decide that he wanted to be a comic book artist. After studying at the High School of Art and Design in New York City, Armando began inking at DC. Soon he was also working for Marvel on such series as MICRONAUTS, MASTER OF KUNG FU, and the Conan titles. A versatile inker, Armando counts a wide variety of artists as his influences, including Steranko, Neal Adams, Bernie Wrightson, Wally Wood, Moebius, Vaughn Bode, as well as Rembrandt and other classic artists. Armando presently lives in Cleveland, Ohio with his wife Star and their two-month-old daughter Katherine.

JOHN CLEARY

Born on November 13, 1972, this extraordinarily talented artist is the youngest member on the SATAN'S SIX team. In fact, SATAN'S SIX is his professional debut. John received the news of becoming the SATAN'S SIX penciler just two days before his 20th birthday. John counts Todd McFarlane, Rob Liefeld, and Erik Larsen as his artistic influences. In addition he's deeply grateful for the support and encouragement he's recieved from his parents and commercial art teacher, Steven Sikora. Though John had read comics off and on for years, it was not until 1989 when he saw an issue of THE INCREDIBLE HULK drawn by Todd McFarlane that he decided that he wanted to become a comic book artist. Of his collaborators on SATAN'S SIX John says, "Tony Isabella is the first writer I've had the pleasure to work with. He is fantastic and I'm very fortunate to begin my comics career with such an experienced writer. Armando Gil is a terrific inker. It took me a while to get used to someone else inking my work, but he is doing a great job! One day I hope to ink my own work, but for now I'll leave it to experienced hands." John added that he loves working for Topps Comics and counts among his goals writing and inking his own stories and eventually creating a best-selling series.

BATTON LASH

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The creator of Wolff & Byrd was born on October 29, 1953. Batton attended the School of Visual Arts in New York City where he counted Will Eisner and the late Harvey Kurtzman among his teachers. In 1979 Batton created the Wolff & Byrd strip for THE BROOKLYN PAPER. In 1983 it became a weekly feature in the NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL. The strip is also a regular feature in COMICS BUYER'S GUIDE. Presently Lorimar is developing a live-action Wolff & Byrd series for the Fox Network. The half-hour series directed by Joe Dante is scheduled for the 1993 fall season. Batton counts as his artistic influences Steve Ditko, Will Eisner, Harvey Kurtzman, Johnny Craig, and Milton Caniff. So it was a special pleasure for Batton when Steve Ditko inked the Wolff & Byrd story for SATAN'S SIX #1. Among Batton's influences as a writer are George S. Kaufman, Donald Westlake, Peter DeVries, S.J. Perelman, Robert Benchley, and Woody Allen. Batton notes that though the finished Wolff & Byrd storylines are thorough fantasies, all of them are based on someone he met, something that happened to him, or are parodies of actual legal cases. It's Batton's hope to eventually have Wolff & Byrd meet all the other comic book attorneys.

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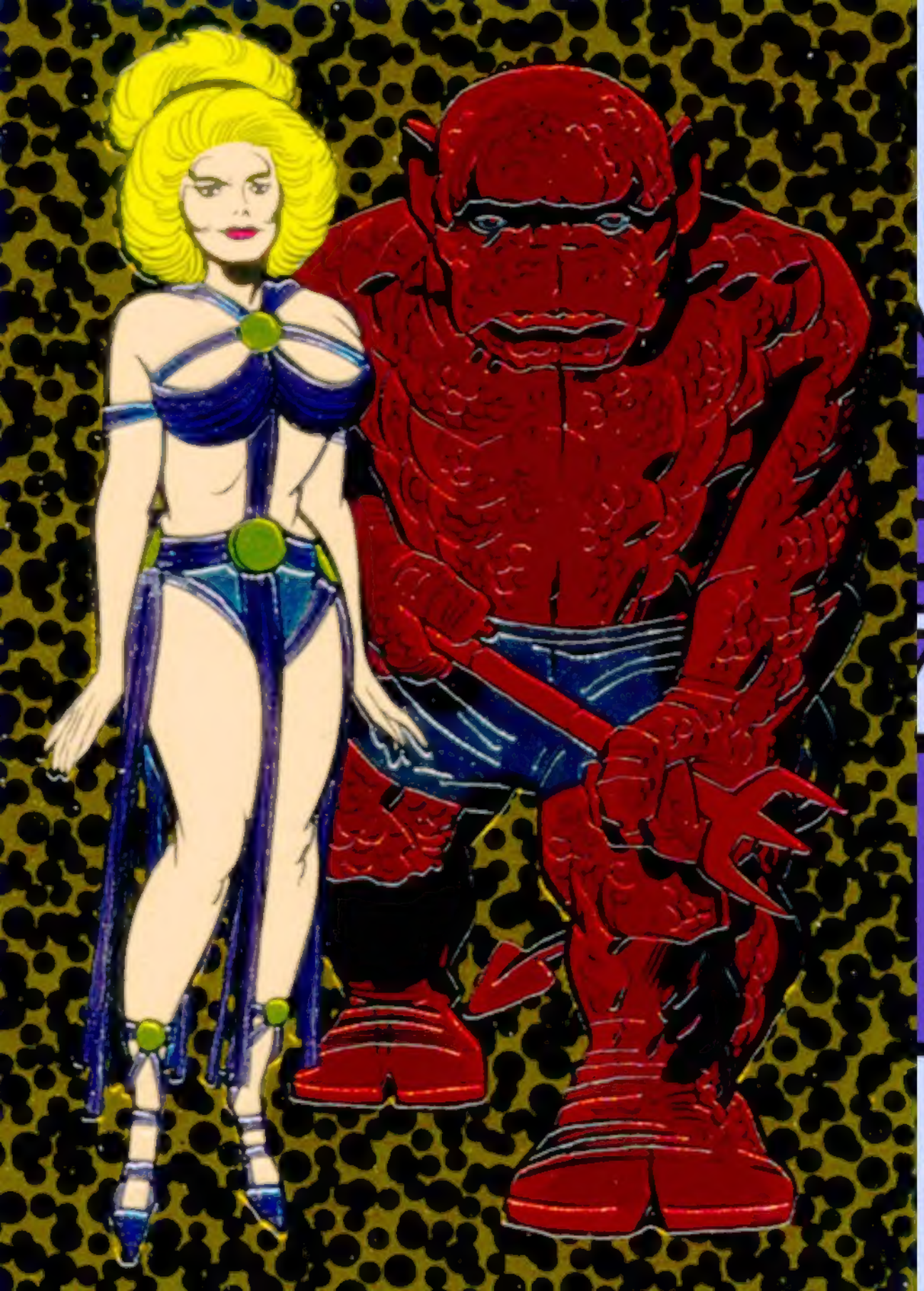

SATAN'S SIX™

Members:
Brian Bluedragon, Dezira, Hard Luck, Kuga, Doc Mordius, and Frightful

Dezira looks like a Mata Hari. But this woman from ancient Babylon is really a simple girl with a heart of gold — and no common sense! Having naively sold her soul to Satan, she believes that, as a member of Satan's Six, she must do evil. But, she's so sweet and so kind-hearted that every thing she does turns out nice.

Frightful is the demon assigned to make sure Satan's Six snares souls. It's a job a lot harder than it looks. Frightful hopes he can survive the experience because he's only got another 10,000 years before he qualifies for his retirement from Hell.

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